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Clara Barton was born on Christmas Day, 1821 near Oxford, Mass. Her father, a former soldier was a farmer. Clara was much younger than the other children. Her older brothers & sisters taught her to read and write & ride a horse. When she was 4 she started school.

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USS Constitution is returned to service and operates in the Mediterranean often as flagship of the Mediterranean Squadron. She is visited by the English poet Lord Byron